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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. **MARAD 2012 0029**]

Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

Action: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before [sixty days following date published in Federal Register].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Jackson, Office of Maritime Workforce Development, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-0284; or e-mail: rita.jackson@dot.gov. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Maritime Administration Service Obligation Compliance Annual Report (Formerly, Service Obligation Compliance Report and Merchant Marine Reserve/U.S. Naval Reserve Annual Report).

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0509

Form Numbers: MA-930

Expiration Date of Approval: Three years after date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

Summary of Collection of Information: The Maritime Education and Training Act of 1980, imposes a service obligation on every graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and every subsidized State maritime academy graduate who received a student incentive payment. This mandatory service obligation is for the Federal financial assistance the graduate received as a student. In addition, this obligation requires the graduate to maintain a license as an officer in the merchant marine and to report annually on reserve status, training and employment.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collection is necessary to determine if a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy or subsidized State maritime academy graduate is complying with the terms of the service obligation.

Description of Respondents: Graduates of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and every subsidized State maritime academy graduate who received a student incentive payment.

Annual Responses: 1400

Annual Burden: 467 hours

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590. Comments also may be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the agency and will have practical utility, accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. *EDT (or EST)*, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

PRIVACY ACT: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of

our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78) or you may visit <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Authority: 49 CFR § 1.66.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator

Date: March 1, 2012

Julie Agarwal
Secretary
Maritime Administration

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